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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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ELECTION

The applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-34, 39-42, and 47-53 drawn to an image metrology reference target device and methods of using same, as well as a computer medium conformed to perform same, classified in Class 356, subclass 620.

REMARKS

In response to the Patent Office action of July 23, 2003, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. In the Patent Office letter the Examiner has set forth a restriction requirement including claims 1-34, 39-42, and 47-53 in Group I and claims 35-38 in Group II. Applicants note that claims 43-46 were not included in either Group I or Group II. Applicants presume that these claims were intended to be included in Group II. However, if this is incorrect, Applicants respectfully request a further communication from the Office and opportunity to respond. By the foregoing, the applicant has now made the election of the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-34, 39-42, and 47-53.

Having made this election, applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited.

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